

# House Resolution 148 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

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1 A Resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of a  
2 sports legend — Melrose High School's winning of  
3 the 1937 State Boys' Basketball Championship.

4 WHEREAS, on March 20, 1937, the Melrose High School  
5 Boys' Basketball Team won the single-class State Boys'  
6 Basketball Championship by defeating Marshalltown High  
7 School 35-17; and

8 WHEREAS, with 66 students in the entire high school,  
9 Melrose is the smallest school to ever win an Iowa  
10 basketball championship; and

11 WHEREAS, the Melrose team was the first team in  
12 Iowa to go undefeated throughout an entire basketball  
13 season, and its 33-0 record represents the most  
14 victories by an Iowa high school boys' basketball  
15 team; and

16 WHEREAS, Melrose used an innovative form of zone  
17 defense that was hard for other schools to handle; and

18 WHEREAS, the Melrose team became known as the  
19 "iron men" after playing two games in the state  
20 tournament with no substitutions for the five starting  
21 players; and

22 WHEREAS, two players from the team, Walter O'Connor  
23 and James Thynne, have been inducted into the Iowa High  
24 School Athletic Association Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, Melrose Coach Adolph Hlubek was inducted  
26 into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of  
27 Fame in 2012; and

28 WHEREAS, the Melrose team along with the 1933

1 Dunkerton team and the 1938 Diagonal team have been  
2 called the "giant killers" because they were small  
3 schools that defeated much larger schools in the  
4 single-class tournament to win a state basketball  
5 championship; and

6 WHEREAS, even though Melrose High School has closed,  
7 its legacy continues to be celebrated at Albia High  
8 School, where a 1937 championship banner hangs in the  
9 gym; and

10 WHEREAS, over the past 75 years, the members of  
11 the Melrose team have inspired people throughout Iowa  
12 by demonstrating that the Iowa values of teamwork,  
13 determination, perseverance, innovation, and hard work,  
14 when coupled with a little luck, can allow people to  
15 accomplish great deeds that others thought would be  
16 unattainable or impossible; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
18 That the House of Representatives congratulates the  
19 1937 Melrose High School Boys' Basketball Team on  
20 the 75th anniversary of its state championship and  
21 encourages all Iowans to follow its example in striving  
22 to accomplish goals that seem impossible.